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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
 Washington, DC 20231

Sir :

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows (Marked-up copies of the amended claims are attached to the Appendix):

3. (Amended) The twin-wire former (1) as claimed in claim 1,
 characterized in that
 the angle (δ) assumes a value between 0° and 45° , preferably between 0° and 30° .

6. (Amended) The twin-wire former (1) as claimed in claim 1,
 characterized in that